

REMARKS

The present application included pending claims 1, 3-4, and 8-28. By this Amendment, claims 1-26 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Claim 28 has been amended as set forth above. New claims 29-31 have been added. Claims 27 and 28 have been allowed. The newly added claims depend from claim 27, and should therefore also be in condition for allowance. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

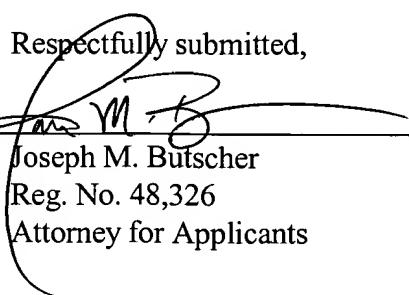
Claims 1, 3-4, and 17-26 were cancelled to expedite prosecution and procure an issued patent. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims 1, 3-4, and 17-26 in a continuation application.

In light of the above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims of the present application should be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants. No fee is believed due with respect to the new claims, because they take the place of cancelled claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Applicants' Deposit Account 07-0845.

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